

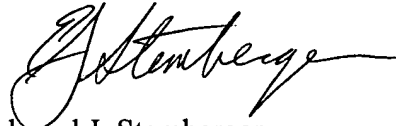
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REMARKS

Early and favorable action are respectfully requested. Claims 12 and 27 have been amended to correct an informality therein. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 13, 15-19, 21, 22, 26-28 and 30 are pending and have been allowed.

Inasmuch as this Amendment raises not new issues requiring reopening of prosecution in this case, it is respectfully requested that this application be amend as proposed above.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Stemberger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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